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COMMITTEE REPORT

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Date: 2-17-81

Mr. Speaker: HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES
The Committee on SOCIAL SERVICES has had HB 110

"An Act relating to the WICHE student exchange program."

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for HB 110 same title new title
- and recommends _____
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Larry Minter
Bob Williams
Bob Cochran

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CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX B

WICHE GOALS STATEMENT

The following description of WICHE's goals, objectives, and functions is excerpted from its current bylaws.

Description

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) is a public, interstate agency which operates under the Western Regional Education Compact. This compact has been adopted by the legislatures of the thirteen western states and has been signed into law by their governors.

Goals

WICHE's goals are, through regional cooperation, to increase and improve opportunities in higher education for men and women in the thirteen western states; to increase the pool of specialized manpower in these states; and thereby to advance the educational, social, cultural, and economic development of the region.

Objectives

In order to achieve these goals, WICHE has established the following objectives:

- a. To improve the quality of education beyond the high school
- b. To expand educational opportunities, including those in continuing education
- c. To coordinate and expand interstate and interinstitutional cooperative programs
- d. To help institutions of higher education improve both their academic administration and institutional management
- e. To assist the educational community to appraise and respond to the changing needs of the West
- f. To raise the public's level of understanding of the role of higher education

Functions

In developing its program, WICHE functions in accordance with the following statements:

- a. It serves the states and institutions as an administrative and fiscal agent for carrying out interstate arrangements for educational services.
- b. It has no authority or control over member states or individual educational institutions; rather it works by building consensus based on joint deliberation and the recognition of relevant facts and arguments.
- c. It serves as a fact-finding agency and a clearinghouse of information about higher education, and makes basic studies of needs and resources in the West.
- d. It acts as a catalyst in helping member states work out programs of mutual advantage by gathering information, analyzing problems, and suggesting solutions.
- e. It serves as a neutral convener on interstate problems and aims to build bridges of understanding among all the various constituencies that have a stake in education beyond the high school.
- f. It cooperates with recognized state, regional, and national agencies, organizations, and institutions with similar concerns and avoids duplication of effort where feasible.

Program Criteria

The name of the agency implies certain criteria:

- a. Western. The program has significant implications for the West, but may have implications for other states as well. Often, there are national implications.
- b. Interstate. The program has significant implications for more than one state--usually a group of states--sometimes all thirteen. Interstate and interinstitutional cooperation are implied.
- c. Commission. The program is sponsored or co-sponsored by the Commission and has its approval.
- d. Higher Education. The program has a significant component related to some aspect of higher education--that is, education beyond the high school, including continuing education and adult education.